

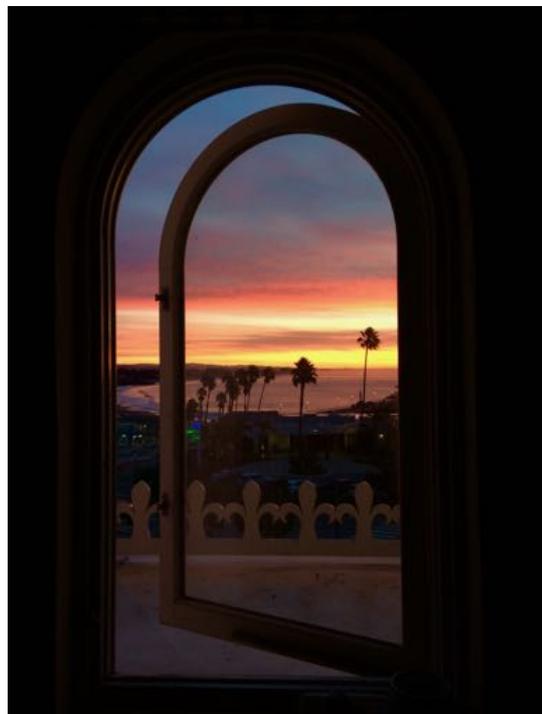
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The Prose Dispatch

Bringing you news from my author's desk and drawing table

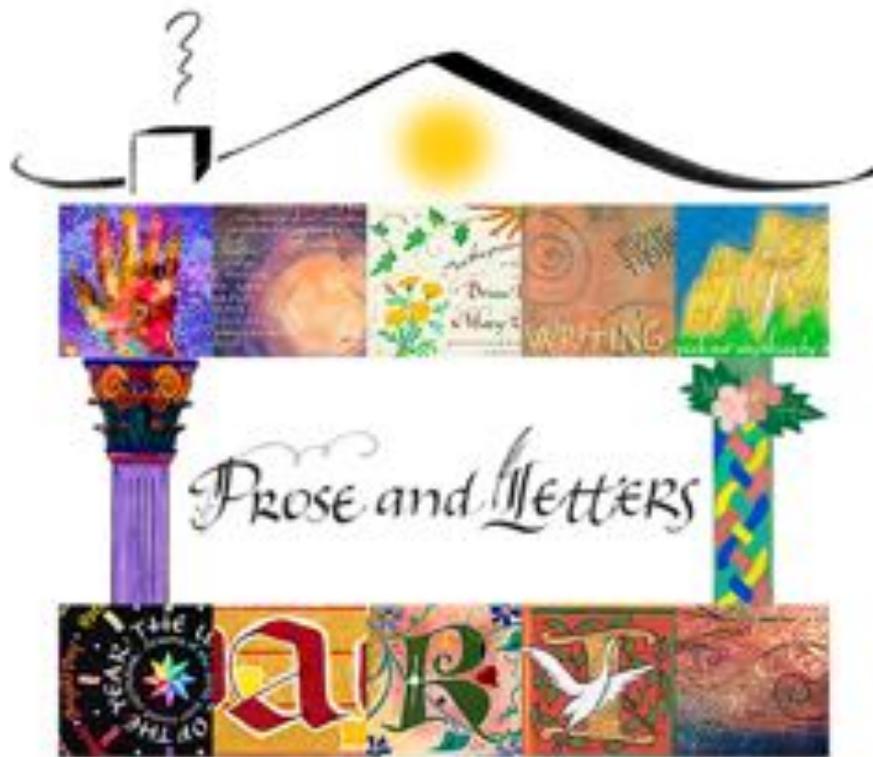
The Dawn of the Year

In the seasons of the earth year round calendar which I follow, now is when I really feel the year beginning. The window opens on the quickening year. The days are becoming longer here in the northern hemisphere, and there are signs of spring, despite the hard frost in the morning. As I wrote in my [Yule card](#) many years ago, "the Wheel again will turn to Spring." No matter how dark it is, the sun will rise in the morning, and sometimes bring with it heart-stirring beauty. I hear the great horned owls outside my creekside home, calling to each other at dawn and dusk, making ready to nest. One morning I saw one fly, swooping away on her vast outstretched wings.



If you celebrate such turnings as I do, you can read more about the Wheel of the Year in my Journal, where over the course of ten years I published an observance eight times annually. Known variously as [Imbolc](#), or [Candlemas](#), or [Brigid](#), or even Groundhog Day, we have arrived at one of the four great cross-quarter days. These fall between the solstices and the equinoxes, often celebrated over multiple days, a tide of time in the changing year. It is an occasion of dedication, a time to renew our devotion to our craft or art, our healing skill or our ties to the land.

I wish you a sweet and potent time as we turn our hearts and hands to the future!



If you received my first newsletter, you will remember the offer of a subscriber discount on my cards and prints at my storefront, Prose and Letters. Following on the fractures and frustrations visited upon my website during December, there was apparently a glitch in the coupon redemption process and I didn't discover it until several days ago.

So I am extending the sale for my newsletter subscribers of 25% off any of my cards and prints, through February 14, Valentine's Day. I'm feelin' the love of my readers and subscribers. All you need do is enter the code NEWSLETTER in the coupon discount box at checkout and the 25% off will be calculated on your order.

As always, international customers will need to contact me directly to order from my site, since shipping costs vary so wildly and PayPal cannot calculate them reliably for me.

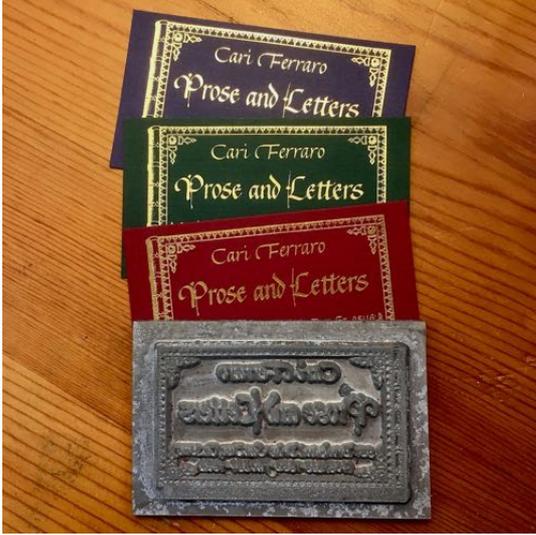
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The Prose Dispatch Masthead

When I was still a youngster in Ohio, I was taken on a school field trip to see



the inner workings of The Columbus Dispatch newspaper. I can still see, in my memory's eye, a big open sunlit room where the editors and writers worked, filled with many people and a bustle of purpose. And my memory's ear still thrums with the great sound of the presses rolling in an even bigger room.

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Thank you for reading!

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